GESTRAL INTELLIGENCE GROUP

BISPOSITION OF FILES OF U. S. STRATEGIC BONBING SURVEY (USSBS)

Memorandum by the Director of Central Intelligence

- 1. The United States Strategic Bombing Survey (USSBS), organized by the Secretary of War on 3 November 19th at the direction of the President, is approaching completion. The question of the disposition of the files therefore requires action.
- 2. The materials involved include printed reports, documents, microfilm and photostats resulting from investigations both in Europe and Japan. Certain portions undoubtedly have intelligence value for further investigations in military, economic and other fields. At the conclusion of the Survey's work there will be upwards of 150 filing cabinets of material, of which parts can be discarded as having no future use or as being already available elsewhere.
- J. The enclosed draft directive (Enclosure A) establishes a procedure for screening the materials and for making recommendations for their final disposition. Paragraph 3 of M.I.A. Directive No. 1 provides a procedure by which the necessary formal directive can be published and carried out by unanimous approval of the Director of Central Intelligence and the Intelligence Advisory Board, without action by the National Intelligence Authority.
- 4. If all members of the Intelligence Advisory Board concur in the draft without substantial change, a meeting will not be necessary. It is recommended that the draft directive be approved and that each member of the Intelligence Advisory Board arrange for the necessary implementation by his department.

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U. S. STRATEGIC BONDING SURVEY (USSBS)

Memorandum by the Director of Central Intelligence with unanimous concurrence by the Intelligence Advisory Board

- 1. In view of the approaching completion of the United States Strategic Bombing Survey (USSBS), it is necessary to provide for the screening and disposition of the organisation's files, which contain much intelligence information of importance to the agencies under the Mational Intelligence Authority.
- 2. Each mamber of the Intelligence Advisory Board will designate a representative who will be responsible for having the USSES files examined in accordance with instructions of the Director of Central Intelligence, for indicating the materials which his agency wishes to have retained for future reference, and for recommending the disposition of other materials. The Director of Central Intelligence will appears a representative to coordinate these activities with the USSES staff.
 - 3. Based upon the results of the above screening the Central Planning Staff will make recommendations to the Director of Central Intelligence for the disposition of the subject materials. The representatives designated above under paragraph 2 will consult with the Intelligence Branch, Central Planning Staff, as required.
 - 4. The Director of Central Intelligence will submit appropriate recommendations for action under the authority of the Mational Intelligence Authority.